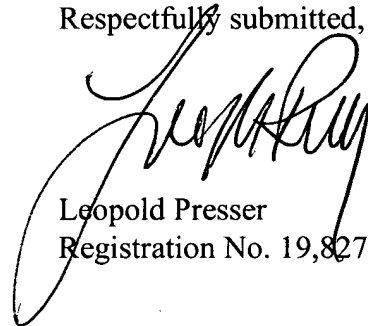


REMARKS

As originally prepared, Claims 1-27 did not comply with the multiple dependent claim style specified by U.S. law. The amendments submitted herewith have been made to delete all multiple dependencies. In so doing, no new subject matter has been introduced.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered before an action on the merits is issued.

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